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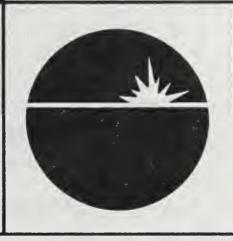
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INITIATIVE

Initiative, leadership and cooperation have placed Illinois in the forefront of the national assault on adult illiteracy.

Committed to the support of a strong and lasting network of adult literacy services in Illinois, Secretary of State and State Librarian Jim Edgar has established a state-funded Literacy Grant Program and a Literacy Office in the Illinois State Library.

State Literacy Grant Program

The Secretary of State's Literacy Grant Program is the first of its kind in any state. This program provides state funds to **all types** of public and private adult literacy programs which demonstrate:

- A commitment to serving adults over the age of 16 who read below the 6th grade level.
- The use of trained volunteers as tutors and program advocates.
- Coordination and cooperation at the local level with related public agency programs.

Literacy Office

The Secretary of State's Literacy Office administers the state grant program and coordinates the activities of the Illinois literacy effort. The Literacy Office sponsors statewide conferences, publishes a monthly newsletter, serves as a clearinghouse for information, and provides technical assistance to the network of more than 250 adult literacy programs.



LEADERSHIP

Illinois Literacy Council

Chaired by Secretary Edgar, the Illinois Literacy Council is composed of 36 representatives from state agencies, the library and education communities, private foundations, the business sector and community-based organizations.

Five council subcommittees focus on the major program areas of:

- Prevention
- Public and Private Resources
- Public Information
- · Training and Methodologies
- Volunteer/Student Recruitment

Business & Labor Committee

Established in August 1987, the Business and Labor Literacy Advisory Committee assists the Illinois Literacy Council in promoting the development of workplace literacy programs and encouraging management and labor to support local literacy efforts. The committee is appointed by Secretary Edgar and includes 18 representatives from large corporations and local businesses, and 18 representatives from state and local unions.

Local Literacy Coalitions

Community leadership through local coalitions is crucial to the success of the Illinois literacy effort. Adult literacy program directors across the state have spearheaded the creation of more than 150 community coalitions. Membership includes both public and private sector interests which have joined forces for effective advocacy and fund-raising.

COOPERATION

Illinois has developed a diversified network of literacy programs which includes libraries, community colleges, public schools, Laubach Literacy Action councils, Literacy Volunteers of America affiliates, correctional institutions, community-based organizations and alternative schools.

Literacy providers are found in all regions of the state - urban, suburban, and rural. All are committed to cooperation and coordination among themselves and with the various agencies in their communities which provide related services.

At the state level, the Secretary of State's Literacy Office works in close cooperation with:

- Illinois State Board of Education
 Adult Education Section
 Pre-Kindergarten Program
 Truant/Alternative Program
- Illinois Community College Board
- Illinois Department of Corrections School District #428
- Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs JTPA Program Division
- Illinois Department of Public Aid Project Chance Program Young Parent Program
- Governor's Office of Voluntary Action
- Illinois Student Assistance Commission

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MATERIALS

The following materials are available through the Secretary of State's Literacy Office:

Bibliography of Adult New Reader Collection, 1987. Compiled by Shawnee Library System. Annotated. 2500 titles by grade level.

BROCHURES – Illinois Literacy Effort (overview). Partners in Literacy (for businesses).

Help Your Child Read and Learn.

Illinois Libraries.

Volume 67, no.7. Illinois Literacy Effort, September 1985.

Volume 69, no.6. Illinois Literacy Effort Update, June 1987.

"Passing the Word" newsletter,
March 1985 – Present (monthly).

Posters, Print Ads and Recruitment Cards. Targeting volunteers, students and potential drop-out population. Recruitment cards available in Spanish and English.

- Profiles of Adult Learners. Featuring Illinois achievers.
- Resource Directory of Illinois Literacy Programs, June 1987. Updated Fall 1989.
- Secretary of State Literacy Grant Program Information. Rules and Regulations, Application Forms, Enabling Legislation.
- Secretary of State Literacy Grants Booklet. Listing of Fiscal Year 1990 grants by region.
- "Toward a More Literate Workforce: The Emergence of Workplace Literacy Programs in Illinois." Report on eight Illinois onsite workplace basic skills programs. August 1987; updated April 1988.
- Workforce Literacy Video. Produced by Secretary of State's Literacy office to promote business/labor/education partnerships. Fall 1988.

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